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5. [ ] Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and brought him up-to-date on the status of the "Ervin amendment" now pending before the House Judiciary Committee. Preston told me that it would be his suggestion that Mr. Helms call Chairman Mahon if it becomes necessary to have Chairman Mahon talk to Chairman Celler about this bill.

I briefed Preston on Soviet forces near the Chinese border and two pending major Soviet space events.

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6. [ ] Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and briefed him on the status of the Ervin bill amendment pending before the House Judiciary Committee. Slatinshek recommended that we await further developments in the handling of the bill by the House Judiciary Committee before any further consideration of intercession by Chairman Hebert in the matter.

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